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LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.
HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 27th December.
HARUNA MARU Saturday, 10th January.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
ATSUTA MARU Thursday, 25th December.
KAMO MARU Tuesday, 20th January.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TOKUSHIMA MARU Sunday, 28th December.
TANGO MARU Sunday, 11th January.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
RAKUYO MARU Saturday, 20th Dec. at midnight.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KANAKURA MARU Monday, 22nd December.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
TATSUNO MARU Monday, 5th January.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.
DURBAN MARU Sunday, 18th January.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
MALACCA MARU Monday, 29th December.
MURORAN MARU Tuesday, 6th January.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
DELAGOA MARU Tuesday, 23rd December.
RANGOON MARU Wednesday, 24th December.
KASHIMA MARU Saturday, 27th December.

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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Andes Maru	Wed.	24th Dec.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Montevideo Maru	Tues.	30th Dec.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Hamburg Maru	Sat.	20th Dec.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Hague Maru	Tues.	30th Dec.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Mexico Maru	Mon.	5th Jan.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Brisbane Maru	Mon.	5th Jan.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Kwanto Maru	Thurs.	8th Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Himalaya Maru	Wed.	24th Dec.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	25th Dec.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Saigon (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun.	21st Dec.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Hozan Maru	Sun.	28th Dec.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).			

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SURGEON DROWNED

SWEPT FROM HIS YACHT BY MAINSAIL.

A tragedy of the English Channel which occurred during the great gale in mail week has cut short the career of a brilliant young London surgeon.

Dr. Cecil Watts, aged 28, of Shenfield, Essex, a house surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was knocked overboard from his yacht by the mainsail at the entrance to Chichester Harbour when the storm was at its height.

There were four friends from the Medical School of St. Bartholomew's on board with him—Mr. F. H. Ward, of South Harting, Peters-

field; Mr. E. Hall of Hampton Wick; Mr. Fraser and Mr. Varley, both of London.

A lifebuoy was thrown to Mr. Watts by Mr. Ward, but he disappeared. A nine-foot dinghy which was attached to the yacht broke away, and the party were forced to put into Hayling Island.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. City of Corinth are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 20.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. Benvenue are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 25.

RESCUE WORK AT SEA.

U.S. "Flying Lifeboats" Scheme Explained.

Rescue work at sea by the United States coastguard is to be carried on with "flying lifeboats," states a Washington message. Rear-Admiral F. C. Billard, commandant of the coastguard, announces the award of a contract for five seaplanes of a new type calculated to serve not only for observation and report purposes but for rescues from disabled craft.

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ATLANTIC TOURISTS

U.S. LINE'S CHIEF OPTIMISTIC FOR NEXT SEASON'S TRAFFIC.

Mr. E. Grant McKicken, vice-president in charge of traffic of the United States Lines, left for America in the Leviathan following a six weeks' survey of the European organization of the company.

Questioned concerning the two new first-class 30,000 ton liners being constructed for the United States Lines at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Co. at Camden, New Jersey, Mr. McKicken stated that the work is progressing rapidly, and blocks for the keels of the first liner, have already been placed in position.

Discussing the prospects of next year's tourist season, Mr. McKicken stated that rapidly improving business conditions warranted a most optimistic view being taken. The greatly increased interest taken by European countries in attracting the American tourist was undoubtedly having an admirable effect—particularly so in the case of Great Britain.

DUTCH NAVY.

The Hague, Yesterday. The First Chamber by 28 to 12 has voted a credit for construction of a cruiser and a flotilla leader, the former for service in the Dutch East Indies and the latter for service at Curacao—Reuter.

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, December 17.
Glenapp, British m.s., 5,877 tons, Capt. I. F. Ingram, from London, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Kut Sang, British str., 3,643 tons, Capt. V. McLiddell, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Madras Maru, Japanese str., 2,298 tons, Captain S. Ama, from Sakito, buoy No. A25.—O.S.K. Sancho Maru, Japanese str., 694 tons, Capt. M. Tsuge, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Thursday, December 18.
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Amoy, buoy No. A8.—B. & S.

Apooey, British str., 1,776 tons, Capt. C. W. Shearer, from Kamfa, buoy No. B50.—Wo Fat Sing.

Benvenue, British str., 3,760 tons, Capt. J. Struth, from London via ports, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Changkiang, French str., 1,717 tons, Capt. L. J. Cruchot, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—Sling Kee & Co.

Chung Hwa, Chinese str., 3,871 tons, Capt. S. Nakano, from Dairen, buoy No. A28.—Shun Tai Hong.

Duisburg, German m.s., 7,388 tons, Captain H. Eckhorn, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Jensen Co.

Empress of Canada, British str., 21,517 tons, Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R., from Vancouver, Kowloon Wharf.—Canadian Pacific S.S. Ltd.

Foo Shing, British str., 1,423 tons, Captain W. Allan Balch, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Canton, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Canton, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

Ningpo, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. J. R. Nisbet, from Swatow, buoy No. C18.—B. & S.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. C. H. Jones, from Amoy, buoy No. B40.—B. & S.

Talkal Maru, Japanese str., 2,342 tons, Capt. T. Takeo, from Milke, buoy No. B27.—Y.K.K.

Taiho Maru, Japanese str., 1,516 tons, Captain Harada, from Karatsu, buoy No. B50.—M.S.K.

Tjalsroea, Dutch str., 4,824 tons, Capt. T. P. Schatzenburg, from Manila, buoy A1.—J.C.J.L.

Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. P. Lemos, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. B17.—Wo Hop & Co.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bervick—West Wall Dock.
Bruce—No. 7 buoy.
Cluala—In dock.
Cornflower—North wall.
Herald—No. 4 buoy.
Iroquois—East Wall.
Marathon—In dock.
Medway—North arm.
Seamew—In dock.
Sepoy—South wall.
Serapis—No. 8 buoy.
Sirdar—No. 10 buoy.
Sterling—No. 11 buoy.
Stormcloud—South wall.
Suffolk—No. 3 buoy.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—South wall.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Juan Sebastian de Elcano—Spanish gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada, Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R., (from Manila), is due here at 9 a.m. on December 22 (Monday), and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on December 25 (Thursday), and, connecting with s.s. Montclair, is due at Liverpool on January 24, 1931.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia, arrived at Yokohama on December 17 (Wednesday) at 1 p.m., left Yokohama on December 18 (Thursday) at 2 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on December 27 (Saturday), and leaves Vancouver on January 6 (Saturday).

SOUTH AFRICAN COAST.

Ill-Equipped with Fog Signals & Lighthouses.

There is proverbially a silver lining to every cloud, and the loss of the steamer Malmesbury may be of considerable service to other seafarers in South African waters, for at last the authorities appear to be waking up to the danger of the 20 miles of reefs which run from Cape Columbine to North Head, Saldanha Bay, says the Journal of Commerce.

Jacob's Reef, on which the Malmesbury struck, is one of the most dangerous of these, and from time to time pleas have been made that it should be adequately lighted. It consists of a number of dangerous pinacles and still more rounded rocks, and is about seven miles south of Cape Columbine, and rather more than a mile and a half out to sea. The Portuguese vessel Lisboa and the Haddon Hall are among the many ships which have come to grief in these waters previous to the Malmesbury. To make matters worse, the area is very subject to fog, yet the whole stretch of coast from Cape Town to Walvis Bay is ill-equipped with lighthouses and fog signals.

For the last ten years the proposed lighthouse on Cape Columbine, which would be a big help on this particular stretch, has appeared in the estimates, and has regularly been cut out on the grounds of economy. With a big range and a fog-signal comparable to that on Robben Island it would be a godsend to the navigator, and as the estimated cost is only £18,000 it seems very poor economy. In consequence of the latest wreck the matter is being brought up afresh, and there appears to be every chance of something being done at last.

SUBMARINES FOR CHINA.

Four More Coming Out From Portsmouth.

Approval has been given for four more of the submarines recently completed to proceed to the China Station. Twelve vessels of the War-built "L" class were withdrawn from the station several months ago. Four of the new "O" type, Odin, Osiris, Oswald, and Otus, went out in the summer, accompanied by the new depot-ship Medway.

They are now to be followed by four of the "P" type, similar in

design, but of a later programme, the Perseus, Pandora, Poseidon, and Proteus. These vessels will go out unescorted.

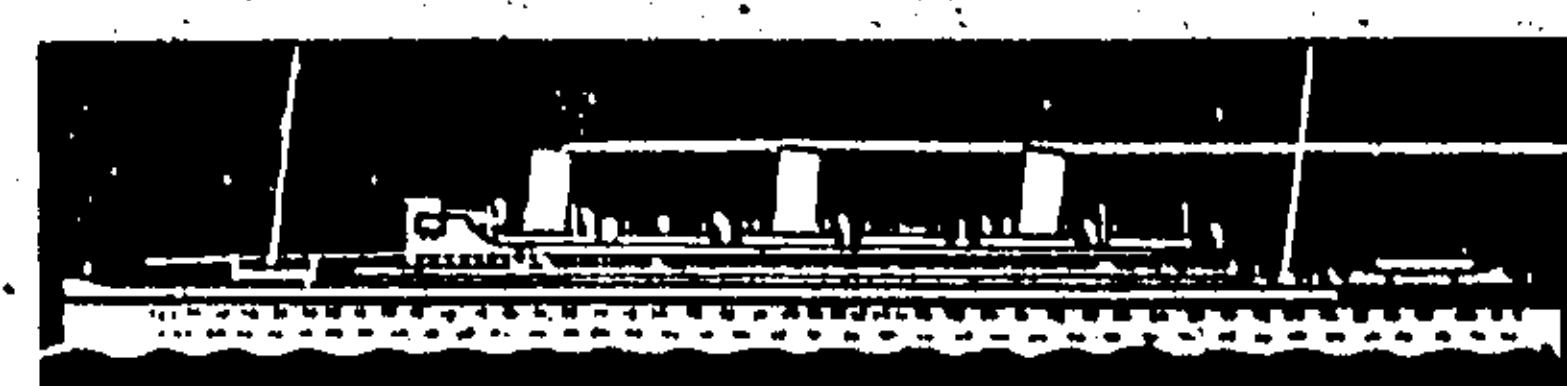
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To allow for rest and recreation for the crews, they will spend from two days to a week at each port of call, and will thus not reach Hong Kong until about February 21.

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Police Inspector: And how was it the prisoner came to escape, Murphy?

Irish Constable: Why, sorr, the rascal ran through a door marked "No Admittance," and, of course, I couldn't follow him, sorr!



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RANCHI	16,650	3rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MIRZAPUR	0,715	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHMIR	8,955	17th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
PERIM	7,048	7th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHGAR	9,005	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.

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TILAWA	10,006	7th Jan. 1931.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	8,018	16th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	3rd Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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TALAMBA	8,018	28th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
COMORIN	15,132	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,000	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,950	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SOMALI	—	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.

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20th December, 1930, will be subject
to rent.

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must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before 27th December, 1930,
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goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
Tuesdays or Fridays, between the
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the Free Storage period of One Week.

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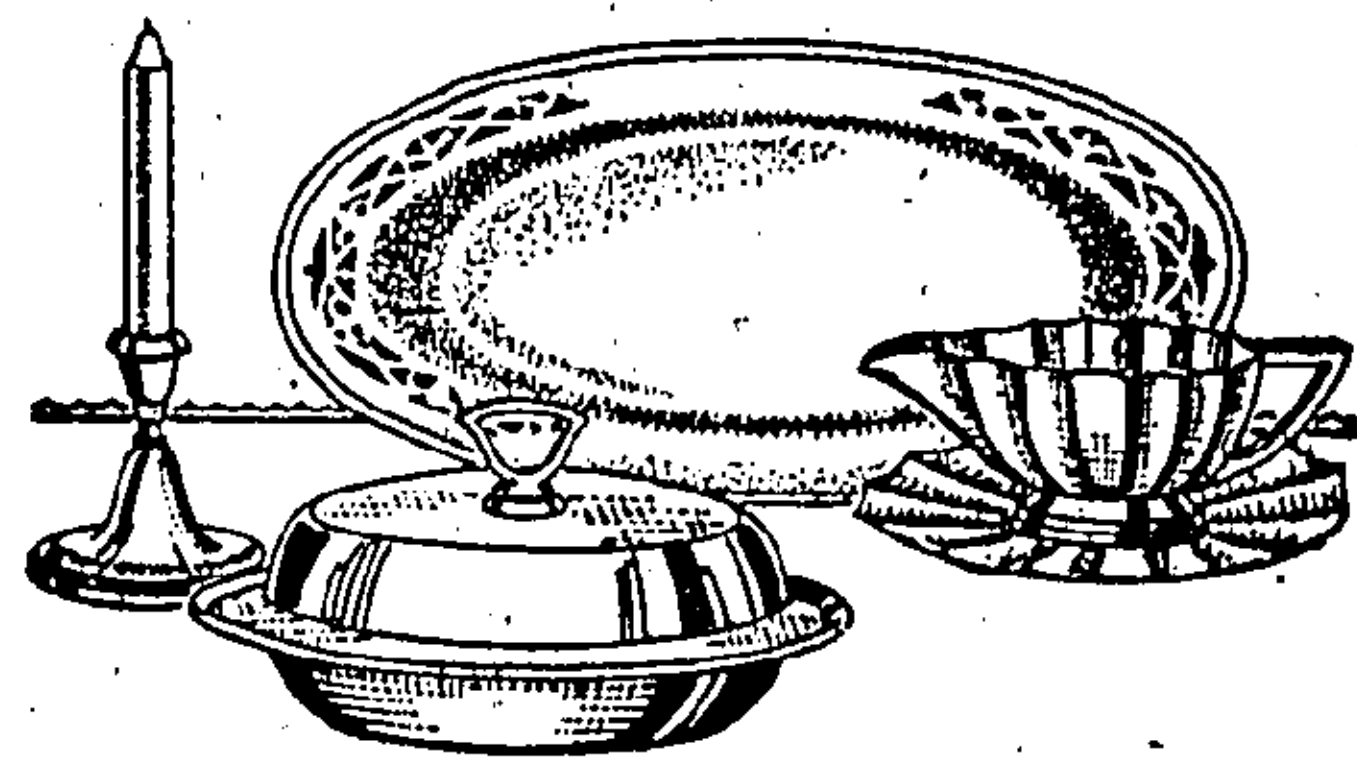
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"ALL THE TALENTS."

Mr. Stanley Baldwin's rejection, voiced at a meeting of the Constitutional Club on Wednesday, of the idea of a National Government, raises an interesting issue which has long attracted the attention of a great many men and women outside the political arena. Mr. Baldwin's rejection of a unified government, based upon his assumption that the Conservative Party is the only National Government, is not important as it is necessarily based upon prejudice. The suggestion, however, is worthy of consideration at the present time, if only because of the evident failure of any Party in power to deal adequately with the several crises which face the Home country. Most to be regretted of recent failures is, of course, that of the Imperial Conference, which most people foresaw, and the disappointment of the Dominion Premiers will only appear reasonable if we assume that they went over with any real hope of inducing Great Britain to abandon Free Trade in their interests, without any adequate return. It is to be feared too, that the Indian Round Table is likewise doomed to an unsatisfactory issue, for it is difficult to imagine the Princes agreeing with the Hindu agitators, who have been at the bottom of the controversy. Then, again, the unemployment problem seems past praying for; and as the number of dole-recipients rises, and the figures of out overseas trade fall, the Government proposes to increase the national expenditure by keeping children

a year longer at school and creating an agricultural bureaucracy at which the farmers hoot with derision.

It is easy to criticise the present Government, which has achieved some quite good results in many other directions, but it is difficult to condone the blundering results of Mr. MacDonald's idealism; and we are led to ask whether the present Parliamentary system is not out of joint and unsuited to the needs of the day. Clearly Sir Oswald Mosley's scheme for an oligarchy, under which the administration would be under the control of a few select Ministers, or the fond dream of the Proportional Representationists, are both impractical as cures for our political maladies. The evils which are outstanding at the present time are unemployment, high taxation, and the dangers in India and Egypt. It has been suggested that to deal with these problems the ablest men from all three parties should be selected to form a National Government and carry out the best ideas from each and all for the common good. Such a coalition of all the talents seems a reasonable enough way of avoiding all the quibbling and bickering which nowadays occupies too much of Parliament's time. But on closer examination the scheme appears to be unworkable. Is there any insurmountable obstacle to the men of the Tory, Liberal, and Labour Parties working together for National ends, once the rivalry and competition of parties were removed? We can imagine that Socialists like Thomas, Maxton, Mesley, Bovan, and Wise hate the dole business, as much as any Tory, and that their remedies for unemployment would not differ very widely from those of Baldwin, Churchill, and Macmillan. There might be difficulty with Socialists like Graham and Liberals like Simon over Protection and Free Trade; but there is much in a name in politics if not in poetry, and the blessed formula of an "emergency tariff" might do wonders. The anti-capitalist crusade of Maxton and Co. would have to be postponed in a Nationalist coalition, but that is understood to be already in cold storage.

As watchers of the political heavens, however, we find it difficult to believe in a non-party Government, and do not regard it as other than an idle dream. Mediocrity is too selfish, too jealous, and too petty to sink personal aims except when they are compelled to do so by a great crisis, like war. And then it must be a war like the last which we were fighting for

our lives. All through the Napoleonic War the Whig opposed the Tory Government at every turn. In the Crimea and South African Wars, the Party game went on as briskly as ever. The only two men of genius in the history of the Tory Party, Bolingbroke and Beaconsfield, cherished the ideal of a National and non-party Government; Bolingbroke in his Patriot King, and Disraeli with his Tory Democracy. Both were disappointed; Bolingbroke because his King was recurrently mad; Disraeli because the gentlemen of Britain preferred sport to politics. The present Government, we are fairly sanguine, will therefore remain in office until the Liberals can summon up courage to turn it out, which may be in three months or three years.

News in Brief.

A Congregation for the conferring of degrees will be held in the Great Hall of the University on Monday, January 12.

Mr. J. J. Grover, employed by the Butchery Department of the Peninsula Hotel, was fined \$5 in the Kowloon Magistracy to-day for failing to produce his car driving licence when requested to do so.

Mr. John C. Fletcher, formerly a teacher in Queen's College, has secured an appointment under the Glasgow Education Authority, at Knightswood, where a new Central School is shortly to be opened.

The newly-formed International Club held a successful concert in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night. The object was to raise funds in order to open a night school for beginners in various subjects.

Bail of \$250 was estreated at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day in respect of Lau Kong, a Chinese, charged with unlawful possession of 3.2 taels of prepared opium at 105, Woo Sung Street, yesterday.

The Harley Davidson combination motor cycle, which was reported by the owner Yeung Wing-pui, a clerk, to be stolen from the park stand outside the Hong Kong Star Ferry Wharf, was yesterday recovered at Lee Gardens.

The Manager of the Kowloon Canton Railway has reported to the Police that a Chinese woman, stated to be 73 years of age, was accidentally knocked down by a moving train yesterday, and received injuries to her left foot, severing a few toes.

Cheng Wun, an unemployed Chinese, appeared before Mr. Butters in the Kowloon Magistracy charged with having possession of three ounces of morphine. He was arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station, the morphine being concealed in his socks. A fine of \$1,000, or six months' jail was imposed.

A small fire occurred at Whitfield, Causeway Bay, soon after 10 o'clock last night. A piece of canvas about four feet square, used as an awning in an open yard, caught alight, apparently due to a lighted cigarette end being thrown from the window of an upper floor. The Fire Brigade easily extinguished the flames.

There was another good attendance in the Theatre Royal last night when the Philharmonic Society gave a further performance of "The Yeomen of the Guard," which met with a splendid reception. All the principals were in good form, including Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett who took the part of Wilfred Shadboit in place of Mr. A. J. J. Brock, who was indisposed.

The case in which an accountant-partner in the Kwong Cheong Loong Hing firm is charged with embezzlement of over \$40,000 came a step nearer its close yesterday, after a hearing lasting over two months. Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, for the defence, claimed that there was no specific proof of misappropriation. The case was adjourned until Tuesday.

MOSCOW NEWS.

SOVIET'S OFFICIAL ORGAN IN ENGLISH.

At the suggestion of the British and American newspaper-correspondents residing in Moscow, the authorities decided to publish a daily sheet in English, to be called "Moscow News," under the editorship of the former member of the Anglo-American department in the Foreign Office, Mr. V. V. Vansittart. The paper will give full official communications and in general constitute the "Soviet" Government's official organ for the English speaking world.

BOY ON MURDER CHARGE.

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ed were close together, and I wanted to see how the cuts would appear on the paper, when caused by a man on the move. The cuts on the paper were farther apart than those on the accused's shoulder.

Object of Demonstration.

Mr. Lo: The object was to show that the accused was lying. I wanted to show him that what he told me could not have been correct if the cuts were made when a man was moving.

You arranged this demonstration on your own initiative?—Yes. Answering another question, the witness said that accused was given noodles after the cutting of the paper. "Then he led me to the kitchen door."

Mr. Lo: What did you do with the accused after he told you that Ah Kwai of Shamshun did it?—I told him that I would tell Inspector Dorling, and I took him to the Inspector.

You suspected the accused then?—No.

Witness said that after he reported to Inspector Dorling the latter questioned the accused. Cut a Cock's Head?

Mr. Lo: Before you took the accused to Inspector Dorling, did the interpreter say to him: "Are you prepared to cut a cock's head if you did not commit the crime?" I did not hear that.

Did Inspector Dorling write down what you told him?—He bent forward when I told him, but I can't say if he wrote anything. Take a "Walk."

Witness said he heard the interpreter ask accused to write his name on a piece of paper with both his right and left hands. Accused wrote down something which might or might not have been his name. He did not know where the paper went to, nor did he hear accused say that he could not write with his left hand. He might have done.

As regards escorting accused to Hong Kong, witness denied that he said "Little brother, let us take a walk to Hong Kong."

Reverting to the morning in the woodyard, witness had no knowledge of Inspector Dorling demonstrating on a bed there with the accused, the Inspector acting as an assailant who wished to chop another man in the neck. "Got Fed Up?"

Witness went on to say that in the train coming to Kowloon accused repeatedly asked him if "there was anything to fear." "I became fed up at last," witness added, "and told him there was nothing to be afraid of if he told the truth." That was all the conversation that passed between them.

Mr. Lo went on to cross-examine at considerable length on the subject as to whether witness discussed the crime with other Chinese detectives at the Central Police Station prior to his return to Sheungshui.

Witness stoutly maintained that at no time was the matter discussed.

Inspector Dorling Disabled.

Mr. Fitzroy was then understood to say that Inspector Dorling, whom he had intended to call as the next witness, was in hospital, but that it might be possible for him to be brought to Court on a stretcher.

Dr. D. J. Valentine gave evidence as to Inspector Dorling suffering from foot trouble which would prevent his standing in the witness box. He was unable to walk, but might give his testimony if brought in an ambulance, and allowed a stretcher.

His Lordship decided that the Inspector could be called, but, the hour being rather late, the evidence of Sub-Inspector O'Connor, in charge at Sheungshui, was taken first.

Accused's First Story.

Sub-Inspector O'Connor described the events on the night of October 16-17, when he was roused by the Station alarm at about 12.15 a.m. As he left the Station yard, accused and C.22, the detective, were entering. He himself proceeded with a constable to the scene of the crime. He described his discovery of the dead man, also a chopper, and three blood-stained cloths. All this time accused was left alone in the charge room. Nobody was detailed to guard him.

Later, he returned to the Station, and through the interpreter took a statement from accused. The gist of it was that accused got up for certain reasons, and suddenly he saw two men in the woodyard. He was frightened and ran. One of the men, armed with a knife, pursued him, and chopped him on the shoulder several times. Accused then roused the carpenter and gave the alarm. "At this point I asked him what happened to the second man," said witness. "He said that this man went into the kitchen of the accused's sleeping shed. As regards the man who chased him he could

not say what happened. He could not give a description of either man."

Witness took another statement, substantially the same, about 3 a.m. Mr. Sparrow arrived about 7 o'clock, and they took accused to the scene of the crime, where they found Inspector Dorling and Inspector Cargill. Prisoner was at no time charged at Sheungshui Police Station.

No Reason For Suspicion.

Witness, in cross-examination, repeated that accused was left alone in the charge room, although the interpreter might have been present whilst he (witness) was absent, and the station guard was on duty as usual. He had no reason to suspect accused after taking the statements, which were in accordance with usual routine.

Interpreter's Story.

Chung Tak-kun said he was interpreter at Sheungshui. He took the first statement from accused in the Inspector's absence. It was in precisely similar terms to the one later given to the Inspector. The following morning he took two further statements, in the presence of Inspector Dorling. Inspector O'Connor was absent.

In the statement made to Inspector Dorling, accused said the murder was the work of two men. One was named Ah Kwai, who, he said, kept a gambling house in Shum Chun. Ah Kwai struck the victim in the neck with a chopper. The other man pointing a knife. Accused added that he was sitting on the bed at the side of the victim at the time.

No "Cock's Head."

The interpreter denied that he said something to the accused about cutting a cock's head. Also, he did not hear Inspector Dorling say something to that effect to the accused.

Inspector Dorling, the witness said, took the second statement from the accused at about 1.30 p.m. It lasted about half an hour. The accused was not cautioned when both statements were taken. Two days after the incident, witness saw the accused's mother at the Sheungshui Station.

Mr. Lo: Did Inspector O'Connor tell her that her son had confessed to the crime?

Mr. Fitzroy suggested that Mr. Lo should have put that question to Inspector O'Connor.

His Lordship remarked that what was said by Inspector O'Connor did not prove anything. Mr. Lo agreed to withdraw the question.

The case is proceeding.

CHINESE MAIL.

MATTER BARRED UNDER FRAUD ORDER SENT IN.

Manila, Dec. 12.

Mail-matter from Shanghai brought by the steamers Susana II and Hong Peng was confiscated by postal authorities by order of Juan Ruiz, director of posts, who issued a fraud order against the International Savings Society of Shanghai banning all their correspondence from the Philippine mail.

The mail confiscated includes four covers containing propaganda, letters and premium bonds from the International Savings Society, addressed to prominent Chinese residents of the city.

One cover was addressed to Ong Sen-hong, post office box No. 84 rented by Ong Chianco; two covers were addressed to Co Jeng Co, post office box No. 835, rented by Co Juan Chang, with one notice and copy of propaganda and four premium bonds; one cover was addressed to Chin Gua, post office No. 1178, with one letter and a copy of the propaganda.

The fraud order issued by Mr. Ruiz was sent to all parts of the Philippines to prevent the entrance of the mail from the society to the Philippines.—Manila Bulletin.

Jock: I was giving my son a lesson on birds last night, and when I had finished, I asked him if he could tell me what birds were most frequently kept in captivity. Friend: And what did he say? Jock: He said, "gnol-birds," father.

Talkative passenger (to bored sailor): Can you swim? Sailor: Only at times, ma'am. T. P.: And when do these moments of ability come to you. Sailor: In the water, ma'am.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of December 19, 1920.)

To-day's dollar is worth 3/16.

An interesting lecture on the Hawaiian or Sandwich Islands was given on Saturday night by Mr. F. Stubbs, F.R.G.S., to the University students. It was the last of Mr. Stubbs's series of lectures in Hong Kong. He leaves for Singapore and Dutch India to-morrow.

PUPILS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Plays by 'Central British' Children.

ORIGINAL COSTUMES.

Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale (head master) and Mrs. Nightingale gave their annual Christmas party to the children of the Central British School yesterday afternoon, in the roof garden of the Peninsula Hotel. About 200 children were present in fancy dress.

Dancing was indulged in for which the band of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders played. Some of the costumes were most original, among these being Cracker, Keep off the grass, Superstitions, Cup Final Results, Robot, Piano, League of Nations, Community Singing and Danger. Bias Bay "pirates" were well represented.

Three plays were given—"Between the Soup and the Savoury" by Gertrude Jennings, "The Bishop's Candlesticks" by Norman McKinnel, and "The Spirit's Revenge" a burlesque crook play by Forms 5 and 6.

The first play presented a scene in a kitchen, and the participants, Aileen Hynes, Austra Miller, and Doris Brooks, gave a good account of themselves.

Founded on an incident in Victor Hugo's novel, "Les Misérables," the second play was highly dramatic, with a good cast of players. They were Helen Wylie, Iris Woolley, A. Dinnen, R. Wood, K. Sayer, J. Suiter and J. Gardiner.

The third play was of a mysterious crook type, with spirit scene effects. The players were J. Gardiner, Doris Brooks, A. D'Ody, N. Whitley, Helen Wylie, K. Sayer, J. Suiter, F. Anslow, D. Gregory, R. Blyth, and Dabiel.

The producer, Miss P. W. Brown, was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Nightingale said, "As you know,



Owner: "But a kick from that horse couldn't make you an hour late."

Jockey: "Couldn't it? It was a kick in the wrong direction."—*Everybody's Weekly*, London.

all good things must have an ending, and I hope you have all had a very happy time. I would like to thank the Commanding Officer of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders for permitting the dance band of the orchestra to come here and play for us this evening. I am very particularly grateful to Miss Brown for her enthusiastic rehearsals of the plays which I am sure you have all enjoyed very much. I also wish to thank the management of this Hotel, who have given us every assistance, and have done their best to make the party a success. I know you will wish me to thank our actors and actresses who have entertained you this evening, and I also wish to thank Mrs. de Martin who has so graciously consented to present the prizes to the winners. (Applause).

Mrs. G. P. de Martin, wife of the Director of Education, then presented the prizes, and this was followed by hearty cheers (on the call of the prefects) for Mrs. de Martin and the head master.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Preparatory Class—Girls, Miss Eva Richards (Early Victorian); Boys, Master J. Dykes (Red Indian).

Best Costume—Girls, Miss I. Holland (Dutch Girl); Boys, Master J. Gardiner (Arab Sheikh).

Most Original Costume—Girls, Miss M. Macfayden (Cracker); Boys, Master R. Telfer (Robot).

LOCAL PANTOMIME.

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" PRODUCED.

A delightful afternoon was spent by a large gathering of children in the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon when the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" was produced.

Mrs. Barker-Benfield arranged the pantomime, and those who took part were Mr. Richard Kerrich, as Jack, Mrs. Robin Campbell, as his mother. Those who took the parts of the Ogre and Ogress preferred to be unnamed in the programme.

A dainty chorus of fairies comprised the Misses Heather Monie, Monique Conville, Gillian Hutson, and Marygold Sorby, pupils of Miss Capell.

Songs and dances were given by the Misses McGill, Joan Bruce-Shepherd, Nellie Field, and Mr. J. C. Grenham. Mrs. Scott Little was at the piano.

An old lady was crossing a busy street, when a large Alsatian hound dashed into her and knocked her over. Next instant a Ford car skidded into her.

The alarmed bystanders, assisted her to her feet, and someone asked if the dog had hurt her.

"Not exactly," responded the breathless victim, "it was the tin can tied to its tail that did the most damage."

THREE ADVENTUROUS GERMANS.

Touring World for Six Years. ARRIVAL IN COLONY.

Three adventurous young Germans, all dressed in boy scout uniforms have arrived here on a globe-girdling tour.

The party, Paul Kage, 24, Leipzig, Franz Series, 22, Frankfurt, and Hermann Garbe, 26, Frankfurt set out from Frankfurt, Germany, six years ago, when they were still boys. To-day they are strong grown-up men, having experienced thrills and adventures as well as hardships.

They have travelled through more than 30 different countries. Before returning to their home town, the party will cover two more years' traveling in Singapore, India, and then back via Suez Canal to Europe.

"We set out May 5, 1924, four of us," Mr. Garbe told a representative of the China Mail. "But illness overtook every one of us last year when we were in Japan. In order to recuperate, we returned home. Though three of us set out again, the fourth, Fider Sigmund, 26, Frankfurt, was obliged to remain at home owing to his bad health."

The four started the trip in 1924 with almost nothing. From Germany, they traveled on foot through Southern Europe, North Africa, Asia Minor, the West Indies, the United States, South America, California, Hawaii Islands and Japan, covering traveling expenses by lecturing and giving exhibitions in boxing and Jujitsu.

"While in South America, they spent six months among head-hunting tribes. 'We never had any trouble with them, however,' Mr. Garbe said, 'for we lived the way they lived.' From this head-hunting territory, which is situated on the borders of Columbia, Venezuela and Ecuador, they moved northward crossing the Panama Canal into Central America. Here they travelled mostly on horseback.

They arrived in Japan in December 1929, when they were taken ill. The four then returned home. It was not however until October 1 this year that the party, except Mr. Sigmund, whose condition did not permit him to continue the tour, set out again, they arrived in Harbin from Berlin, via Siberia, and continued their way to Mukden, where they obtained the photograph and signature of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. They traveled to Korea, Seoul, and again to Mukden. From this place, they moved southward passing Dairen and Tientsin. In Tientsin they obtained the signature of Hu Yuen-yu, the Mayor of the city.

Notable Signatures. In Cuba, the three lads obtained an autographed photograph of President Machado, while in the Central American country of Nicaragua, they were received by the rebel chieftain, Augusto Sandino, during his unsuccessful campaign against the United States Marines.

The lads have autographed photo-prints of every chief executive in Central and South America, besides many signatures of lesser notables in the Southern Hemisphere.

Among the better known people who have given pictures and signatures to the German youths are ex-Kaiser William, the late Primo de Rivera, ex-President Portes Gil of Mexico, Governor Judd of the Hawaiian Islands, Max Schmelling and Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. "Some day," said one of the lads, "we are going to write a book describing our travels."

Local Lecture. Arrangements may be made for the lads to give a lecture on their travels before they leave Hong Kong.

FUN AT THE "CIRCUS."

Whilst the driver of a stationary Kai Tack motor bus at the Star Ferry terminus was away for a short time, the ticket collector took the wheel, and after meddling with the brakes, the vehicle suddenly got into motion. The collector being unable to pull it up, the bus smashed into the rear of a China Motor bus, the impact being so great that the China bus went into the rear of another vehicle of the same company.

The damage is understood to amount to about \$30.

As a result of the accident, the drivers of the three buses became engaged in an argument. A policeman appeared on the scene, and the party went to the Police Station, where the dispute was thrashed out.

"Do you believe the world is divided into two classes—those who borrow and those who lend?"

"No, my experience is that two other classes are much more prevalent—those who want to borrow and those who won't lend."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES AND STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 25th December, 1930, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd, January, 1931, being Customs Holidays.

J. M. H. OSBORNE, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon & District, York Building, Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1930.

NOTICE.

HABITUÉS of the ST. FRANCIS HOTEL are advised, that owing to the redecoration of the Dining and Dance Rooms there will be no Tea, Dances TO-DAY and TO-MORROW.

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L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary, Hong Kong, 19th Dec., 1930.

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NO TOBACCO DUTY.

SEIZURE IN A KOWLOON FLAT.

To-day Leung Wun (50), To Wan-ching (46), and Chan Ping (29), were charged before Mr. Butters in the Kowloon Magistracy with having possession of 155 lb. of tobacco on which duty had not been paid.

Revenue Officer Tallon said that the tobacco, which was contained in four bags and two baskets, was found underneath the bed on the second floor of 885, Canton Road, whilst 45 packets of tobacco were on the bed. A chop and stamping ink were also found, the chop being used to mark the quality of the tobacco. Some packets bore the name of a tobacco shop.

Leung Wun said that the tobacco had been left at the house by the folks of the Kung Tai Chung shop, Wanchai, prior to distribution in the district.

To Wan-ching, the principal tenant of the house, disclaimed all knowledge of the affair, saying that she only discovered that the tobacco had been left when she arrived back from her work.

The case was remanded till Monday next to get the evidence of a representative of the Kung Tai Chung shop.

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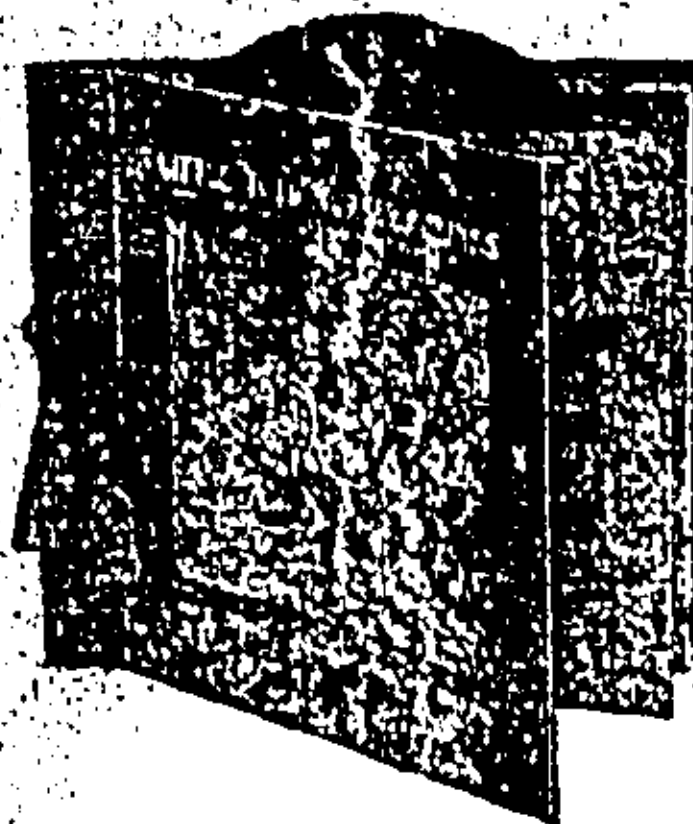
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121—Go Round and Round the Valley.

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123—Go to Sleep My Little Pickaninny.
124—The Dream Man.
125—Sweet and Low.
126—Lullaby (Ermise).
127—Birdies Lullaby.

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128—Oh, Dear! What Can the Matter Be?
129—The Jolly Miller.
130—Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.
131—Good Morning Merry Sunshine.
132—The House That Jack Built.
133—The Plough Boy in Luck.
134—A Frog He Would A Wooing Go.
135—The Dog and the Cat.

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136—Mother Goose.
137—See Saw.
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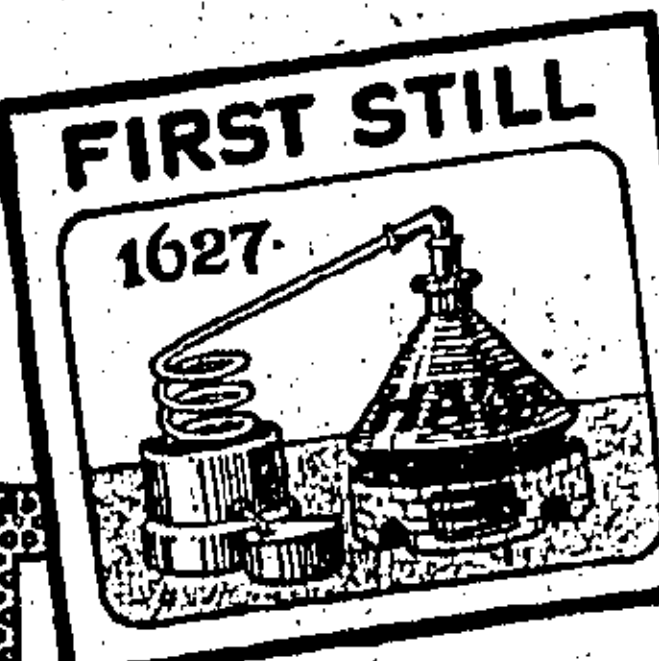
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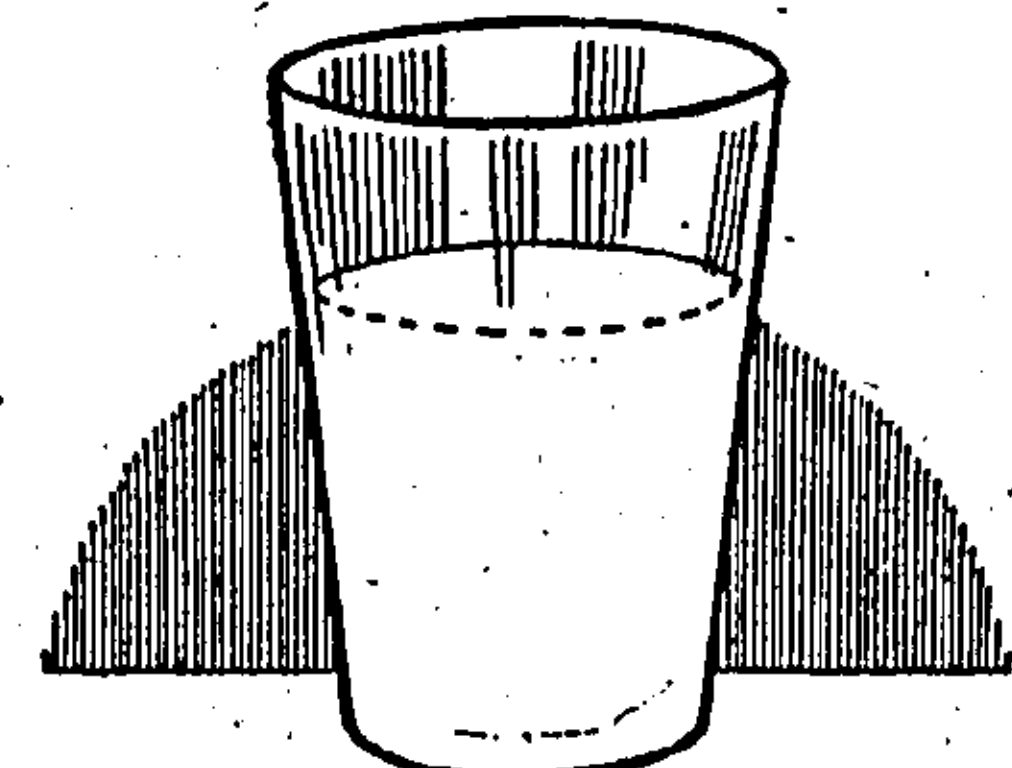
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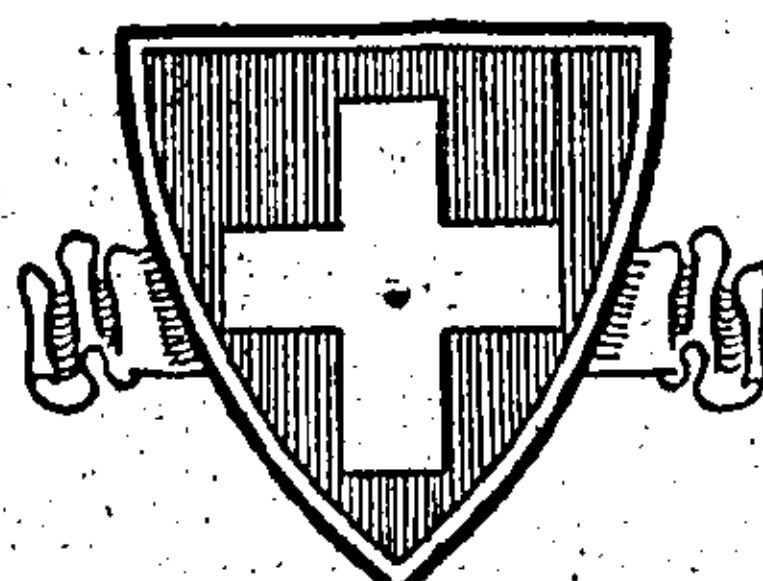
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WHO WILL WIN?

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE MATCHES AT HOME.

[Exclusive to China Mail—By "Lineaman"]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ARSENAL	v.	Newcastle U.
Birmingham	v.	Liverpool
Blackburn R.	v.	WEDNESDAY
Blackpool	v.	CRISTOL P.
Cardiff	v.	Huddersfield
LEICESTER	v.	Manchester U.
Sheff. W.	v.	Bolton W.
Sheff. U.	v.	ASTON VILLA
Sunderland	v.	MIDLESBRO'
West Ham	v.	WEST HAM

Division II.

Barnsley	v.	Tottenham
BRADFORD C.	v.	OLHAM
BRISTOL C.	v.	PRESTON N.E.
BURY	v.	Reading
CHARTER	v.	BURNLEY
EVERTON	v.	Southampton
Grimsby	v.	WOLVES
HULL	v.	Millwall
PORT VALE	v.	BRADFORD
Sheff. W.	v.	Stoke City

Division III.

Bournemouth	v.	CRYSTAL P.
Clapton O.	v.	Bristol R.
Fulham	v.	Torquay
Gillingham	v.	Northampton
NOTTS CO.	v.	Gillingham
QUEEN'S P.R.	v.	Luton
Sheff. W.	v.	BRENTFORD
THAMES	v.	Newport
Walsall	v.	BRIGHTON
Watford	v.	SOUTHEND

Division III.

Barnsley	v.	Tranmere
BRADFORD	v.	Barrow
BRISTOL C.	v.	CHESTERFIELD
Cardiff	v.	Carlisle
LEICESTER	v.	Southport
Sheff. W.	v.	Accrington
Sheff. U.	v.	WREXHAM
ST. MARY'S	v.	Wrexham
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Division III.

ADERDEEN	v.	Partick T.
CLYDE	v.	DUNDEE
GLASGOW	v.	MOTHERWELL
GLASGOW	v.	Leith
GLASGOW	v.	Hearts
GLASGOW	v.	ST. MIRREN
GLASGOW	v.	CELTIC
GLASGOW	v.	Ayr
GLASGOW	v.	Airdrie
GLASGOW	v.	Cowdenbeath

TO-MORROW'S SNIPS.

Home.

Arsenal	v.	West Ham
Blackburn R.	v.	WOLVES
Blackpool	v.	WOLVES
Cardiff	v.	WOLVES
LEICESTER	v.	WOLVES
Sheff. W.	v.	WOLVES
Sheff. U.	v.	WOLVES
Sunderland	v.	WOLVES
West Ham	v.	WOLVES

Away.

Aston Villa	v.	WOLVES
Birmingham	v.	WOLVES
Blackburn R.	v.	WOLVES
Blackpool	v.	WOLVES
Cardiff	v.	WOLVES
LEICESTER	v.	WOLVES
Sheff. W.	v.	WOLVES
Sheff. U.	v.	WOLVES
Sunderland	v.	WOLVES
West Ham	v.	WOLVES

Southern League.

BOURNEMOUTH BEAT BRENTFORD.

Two matches in the Southern Section of Division III were played yesterday.

Bournemouth, playing at home, defeated Brentford by the odd goal in three, thus reversing last season's result, when Brentford won by 2-1.

Two very lowly placed Clubs—Newport and Norwich—met on the ground of the former, the visitors being defeated by three goals.

Results as cabled by Reuter's Agency:—

Bournemouth	2	Brentford	1
Newport	3	Norwich	0

Third Division (South).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Notts City	19	12	6	1	50	22	36
Northampton	18	11	5	2	31	11	27
Crystal Pal.	18	10	4	4	56	34	24
Southend	10	11	2	6	41	28	24
Brentford	10	9	4	6	41	22	22
Brighton	18	8	6	4	25	22	22
Fulham	18	8	4	6	50	33	20
Torquay	10	9	2	8	45	44	20
Queens P.R.	17	8	3	6	36	30	19
Exeter	18	6	6	6	32	36	18
Swindon	10	8	2	9	38	36	18
Bournemouth	19	7	4	8	33	39	18
Gillingham	18	5	7	8	32	26	17
Bristol R.	19	6	5	8	34	44	17
Watford	18	7	2	9	34	35	16
Clapton O.R.	17	6	4	7	30	30	16
Queen's P.R.	18	7	2	9	39	34	16
Luton	18	5	6	7	24	32	15
Walsall	17	4	3	10	34	47	11
Norwich	18	3	4	11	19	37	10
Newport	18	4	2	12	35	58	10
Thames	18	4	2	12	18	47	10

English Cup.

EXETER AND YORK WIN.

Two replayed games in the English Cup yesterday favoured the home Clubs. Exeter ousting Coventry and York accounting for Nolson.

Results as cabled by Reuter:—

Exeter	2	Coventry	1
York	3	Nelson	2

Revised Draw.

The following is the revised draw for the third round to be played on January 10:—

Southport	v.	Millwall
Wolves	v.	Wrexham
Tottenham	v.	Preston N.E.
Crystal P.	v.	Reading
Sunderland	v.	Southampton
Bury	v.	Torquay
Plymouth	v.	Everton
Aldershot	v.	Bradford
Sheff. U.	v.	York City
Gateshead	v.	Wednesday
Bolton W.	v.	Carlisle
Oldham A.	v.	Watford
Newcastle	v.	Notts F.
Brentford	v.	Cardiff C.
West Ham	v.	Chelsea
Bristol R.	v.	Queen's P.R.
Corinthians	v.	Port Vale
Scarborough	v.	Grimsby
Burnley	v.	Manchester C.
Leeds U.	v.	Huddersfield
Arsenal	v.	Aston Villa
Barnsley	v.	Bristol C.
Stoke	v.	Manchester U.
Liverpool	v.	Birmingham
Middlesbrough	v.	Bradford C.
Blackburn R.	v.	Walsall
Exeter	v.	Derby Co.
Leicester	v.	Brighton
Hull	v.	Blackpool
Fulham	v.	Portsmouth
W. Bromwich	v.	Charlton
Notts Co.	v.	Swansea

Local Football.

CLUB AND KOWLOON TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The Club second eleven will meet the Royal Artillery at Soekunpoo to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. and will be represented by:—

Fogwill, Stoker, Potoloff, Sloan, Hynes, Tavlin, Alexander, Bell, Strang, Jackson, and Fowler.

Reserves: Hooper and Krilovsky.

Kowloon Teams.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon 1st eleven versus S.W. Borderers on Kowloon Football Club ground to-morrow at 4 p.m.:—

Bliss, Martin, Pile, Hedley, McKelvie, Downman, Moss, Simpson, Gillett, Grimwood, and Janson.

The Kowloon 2nd eleven against the S.W. Borderers on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 2.30 p.m. will be represented by:—

Angus, Guest, Eastman, Everest, Gilchrist, Smith, White, W. H. Brown, Spary, Cotton, and Rickford.

Reserves: Davies and Gouviritch.

Recreo Teams for To-morrow.

The following will represent the Club de Recreo in their encounters with the Navy to-morrow:—

2nd XI. at 2.30:—Lawrence, V. Costa, E. Lawrence, C. P. Silva, C. P. Silva, A. Barreto, Gonsalves, Gutierrez, Santos, and Assis.

1st XI. at 4 p.m.:—Beltrao, Xavier, Silva-Netto, Sousa, Gosano, Marques, B. Gosano, Ward, Rocha, Rosa, Pereira, and Santos.

Sunday's Charity Game.

A charity match will be played on the University football ground on Sunday at 4 p.m. when teams representing the University and the Government Civil Hospital will oppose each other.

The object in view is to raise funds for the Hospital Christmas Fund and it is hoped that such a deserving cause will receive the generous support of both followers of the game and the public in general.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

CHESSE—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

Wednesday—Kowloon and Sunday—R.H.K.G.C. Bogey Pool, K.G.C. Captain's Cup.

Sunday—K.G.C. Junior Championship (First Round).

December 24-25—R.H.K.G.C. Christmas Meeting.

Christmas Day—K.G.C. Christmas Meeting.

December 31—January 2—R.H.K.G.C. New Year's Meeting.

SHUNTING HUNT—To-morrow—Fanning Shui, Police Station, 3.15 p.m.

December 24—Fanning Station, 3.15 p.m.

December 26—Hunters' Arms, 3.15 p.m.

December 31—Keenels, 3.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Kowloon v. Borderers; Highlanders v. Recreo; South China v. St. Joseph's; Navy v. Police; Royal Artillery v. Chinese; Second Division—Navy v. Recreo; South China v. St. Joseph's; Kowloon v. Borderers; Royal Artillery v. Club; Eastern v. University; Chinese v. Highlanders; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. Chinese; Fokien v. Borderers; Royal Air Force v. South China; R.A.S.C. v. Ewo.

Christmas Day—Sunday Herald Cup—Scotland v. England (Charity Match).

Boxing Day—Sunday Herald Cup—China v. Portugal (Charity Match).

New Year's Day—League v. The Services (Charity Match).

CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I—Craigengower v. University (F.); C.S.C. v. Diocesan Boys' School (P.); Hong Kong C.C. Under 30 v. Over 30; Division II—R.A.S.C. v. Royal Signals (L.); University v. Craigengower (L.); Recreo v. Royal Engineers (F.); Police v. Civil Service (F.).

Thursday—University v. Indian R.C.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday—Rugby Club v. S.W. Borderers.

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Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Christmas and New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Teucer, Bantam, Kwai Yang, Van Heutsz, Madras Maru, Hamburg Maru, Kamakura Maru, Foo Shing, Glenapp and Menado Maru.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Nov. 29) and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 1)	President Lincoln 20.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.	
Shanghai & Swatow	Shantung 21.
Japan	Kamakura Maru 21.
Java	Bantam 21.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak 21.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Manila	Empress of Canada 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Nov. 29)	Tatsuta Maru 22.
Manila	President Grant 23.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
Java	Japara 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Angers 23.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Japan	Atsuta Maru 24.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Nov. 29)	Hiye Maru 24.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.	
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru 26.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.	
Samshui and Wuchow	Kwong Hung 4 p.m.
Japan	Benary 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Benvenue 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Kalyan (Due Marseilles, Jan. 17, 1931.) G.P.O.
K.P.O.	
Parcels	Dec. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Dec. 20, 9 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.
*Japan	Kashmir 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Kashmir 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20.	
Foochow	Cyclops 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Chusan 3.30 p.m.
Taiyo Maru (Due San Francisco, Jan. 14, 1931 and *Europe via Siberia.)	Registration, Dec. 20, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih 4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Lincoln 4.30 p.m.
Foochow	Chip Shing 5 p.m.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru 5 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Chip Shing 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.	
Sandakan	Mau Sang 10.30 a.m.
Straits, and East Africa via Mombasa and South Africa via Lourenco Marques and *South American Ports	Kamakura Maru 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Japan, *Canada, U.S.A., *C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Grant (Due Victoria, B.C., Jan. 9, 1931.)
Parcels	Dec. 22, 3 p.m.
Registration	Dec. 22, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai & *Europe via Siberia	President Grant 5 p.m.
Registration	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Change (Due Thursday Is., Jan. 3, 1931.)
Parcels	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Registration	Dec. 23, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10.30 a.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.	
*Manila and Sourabaya	Tjibadak 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Keneas (Due Marseilles, Jan. 22, 1931.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration	Dec. 23, 1 p.m.
Letters	1 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

COLONY V. CANTON.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS MATCHED.

The Lingnan University basketball team, Champions of Canton, will meet Ying Wah, Hong Kong Champions, to-morrow evening at 7.30 p.m. at the Canton-Y.M.C.A. Both teams hold good records and a great battle for supremacy is expected. The main idea of the match is to endeavour to establish closer relationship between the various teams of the south, and thereby raise the prestige of basketball. In the near future inter-city contests may be witnessed as a result of this policy.

GIRL ATHLETES.

SOUTH CHINA A.A. SEND TEAMS TO CANTON.

The South China Athletic Association is again sending girl teams to Canton this year to meet the local basketball and volleyball teams.

The visitors will be leaving the Colony for Canton on Tuesday and during their stay they will meet teams from the Girls' Middle School, Girls' Normal, Pui Tao, True Light Middle School, Chap Sun and others.

There is also a likelihood that several of the Canton teams may accompany the visitors back to Hong Kong where they will meet, besides the South China A.A., other girl teams of the Colony.

AIR TAXIS.

TWO AMERICAN MACHINES FOR MANILA.

Manila, Dec. 12.

E. M. Bachrach, prominent Manila business man and president of the Philippine Aerial Taxi Company, announced last night that two American planes have been ordered to start the first commercial aviation service here early next year.

The manufacturers have assured the delivery of the planes within six weeks. One of the planes, known as the "Waco," will seat three passengers including the pilot, while the second plane, known as the "Ireland," will carry five passengers including the pilot.

Both types of plane are in daily use in the United States. Low landing speed is a safety feature of both. The planes ordered for the service here will be equipped with pontoons to permit landing on water wherever possible.

Officials of the Philippine Aerial Taxi Company have decided to buy a German plane. The order will be placed as soon as more detailed information as to price and general specifications are available.

In the meantime, Captain Theodore Camman, German war aviator, who will be the chief pilot of the company, is going over plans for landing fields. When he came to Manila his main purpose was to open an aviation school. It is expected that with the establishment of the air taxi service this plan will be carried out—Manila Bulletin.

SHOCK CAUSES DEATH.

Electrician Who Forgot His Rubber Gloves.

A verdict of death from misadventure was returned at an inquest at Beckenham on an electrician who was employed by the Beckenham Urban District Council. Mr. J. Tapper, the Council's engineer, said deceased was putting in new fuses in a cable box at Elmers End, and had neglected to wear the rubber gloves supplied.

He was putting in new fuses in a cable box of a new type which had been installed by the Council because it was thought to be safer.

Mr. Tapper expressed the opinion that the electrician slipped on the damp ground and clutched the live bar in trying to save himself from falling.

Medical evidence was given that death was due to asphyxiation, following an electric shock.

Loafers: Caught anything? Angler (after fruitless day in the rain): No! Loafers: I thought you wouldn't—that pond was not there yesterday.

Mother: Betty's very shy. She never will kiss the vicar when he asks her.

Maiden Aunt (with feeling): Good gracious! What an extraordinary child!

Christmas Eve

DINNER.

Orange Cocktail.
Alexandra Cream Soup.
Fish a la Hotel Cecil.
Tournedos a la Monte Carlo.
Iced Asparagus, Mayonnaise.
Roast Saddle of Lamb.
Red Currant Jelly.
Roast Turkey & Ham.
Boiled Potatoes.
Roast Potatoes.
Cauliflower.
Plum Pudding.
New York Sundae.
Cheese.
Dessert.
Coffee or Coffee H.A.G.

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EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/1 1/16
Bank, on demand	1/1 1/16
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/1 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/1 1/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/1 7/8
On Paris—	
On demand	67 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	71 1/2
On New York—	
On demand	26 7/16
Credits, 60 days' sight	27 9/16
On Bombay—	
Wire	73 1/2
On demand	73 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	73 1/2
On demand	73 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	47
On Manila—	
On demand	53 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 77
Dollar	5% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	53 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/1 1/2
Silver (per oz.)	14 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	4% prem. nom.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	128.59 1/2
New York	4.85 1/2
Brussels	34.78 1/2
Geneva	25.02 1/2
Amsterdam	12.06 1/2
Milan	22.77 1/2
Berlin	20.38
Stockholm	18.90 1/2
Copenhagen	18.15 1/2
Oslo	18.15 1/2
Vienna	34.47 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	45.75
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	518
Rio	4 11/16
Buenos Aires	37 5/16
Montevideo	36 1/2
Bombay	1/6 25/32
Shanghai	1/5 1/4
Hong Kong	1/1 8/16
Yokohama	2/0 17/32
Silver Spot	14 1/2
Silver Forward	14 1/16

—British Wireless Service

Young Man (taking singing lessons): Do you think I could use my voice in public? Disheartened Tutor: Oh, I suppose so; you might cheer when the King passes.

Motorist: I wonder sir, if I might offer you a lift? Preoccupied Clergyman: That's very kind of you, but I'm afraid I could find no use for such a gift. You see, I live in a bungalow.

New Year's Eve

DINNER.

Hors d'Oeuvre.
Asparagus Cream Soup.
Fillet of Garoupe, Condorcet.
Lamb Chop Cullit & Green Peas.
Pate de Foie Gras in Aspic.
Fillet de Boeuf Rôti Pommes Fondantes.
Roast Turkey & Ham.
Boiled Potatoes.
Roast Potatoes.
French Beans.
Plum Pudding.
Orange Jelly.
Cheese.
Dessert.
Coffee or Coffee H.A.G.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 19th Dec., 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Norm.	Fin.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1755	1760	1760	Dec.	Interim 25 a/c 1930	Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.	Interim 7 1/2 a/c 1930	Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	27	27	27	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	115	115	115	Dec.	85 for 1929	Feb. 23, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1230	1230	1230	Dec.	Final 27 for 1929	May 16, 30
Union Ins.	520	520	520	Dec.	Interim 15 a/c 1930	May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	310	310	310	Dec.	None	May 30, 30
China Fire Ins.	400	400	400	Dec.	Final 20 bonus 80 for 1929	May 30, 30
El. K. Fire Ins.	1215	1215	1215	Dec.	Interim 25 a/c 1930	Mar. 30, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamships	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	June 19, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	40	40	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	June 19, 30
(Def.)	34	34	34	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	June 19, 30
Shell Transports	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Pending
Union Steamships	39	39	39	Dec.	81-40 for 1929	Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	11	11	11	Dec.	Interim 15 bonus 5 for 1929	Sept. 30, 30
Kailash Mining Ad. S.	31/3	31/3	31/3	June	Interim 4% for 1929	May 6, 30
Langkat	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Oct.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	May 6, 30
S'hai Exploration	1	1	1	Dec.	None	July 1, 30
Loans	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Dec. 19, 30
*Rauhe	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	Mar.	Interim 1 1/2 a/c 1930	Dec. 19, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	178	178	178	Dec.	80 for 1929	Mar. 12, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	30.85	30.85	30.85	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	Mar. 12, 30
South Ch. Motors	10	10	10	Dec.	None	Mar. 12, 30
*China Provident (old)	3.50	3.50	3.50	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	Mar. 12, 30
(new)	3.50	3.50	3.50	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 12, 30
Hongkong	284	284	284	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 12, 30
N. Engineering	7.10	7.10	7.10	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 12, 30
Shanghai Docks	114	114	114	Apr.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 12, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	11.85	11.90	11.90	Dec.	40 cents for 1929	Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old)	84	84	84	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
(new)	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
Rights	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
Shanghai Lands	322	322	322	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
Humphreys	17.30	17.30	17.30	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
H. K. Realities	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
Chinese Estates	87	87	87	Feb.	85 for year 1929-30	Aug. 8, 30
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	11.90	11.90	11.90	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 17, 30
Zoong Sing	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 17, 30
Public Utilities.						
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Star Ferry	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Dec.	Final 50 cts. a/c 1929-30	Mar. 19, 30
*China Light	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 19, 30
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*Cement (com.)	17.90	17.90	17.90	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 19, 30
(old)	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 19, 30
(new)	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Mar. 19, 30
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Among the unique "props" built for the picture was a German street car of an antiquated type which runs on its own power through the cobble-stone streets of a village. Others were skeletons and dummies for the battle front and graveyard scenes, German Red Cross waggons of the 1914 style, and an old style open, horse-drawn Victoria.

For the scene in a French village where three of Remarque's school-boy soldiers swim a canal to meet three French girls, Universal built a canal half a mile in length, 40 feet in width and 15 feet in depth, crossed by a stone bridge patrolled by sentries, and surrounded with cottages and a village settlement.

"NOT DAMAGED."

The wise film actor is the one who stays in the screen capital and quits flitting around with the stage. Is the opinion of Ernest Wood, who has an important role in the Fox Movietone romance, "Not Damaged," which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. Lois Moran

and Walter Byron are featured in this production.

"You are soon forgotten in Hollywood unless you are on the ground all the time," Wood said. "Competition is so keen that if one person drops out, a dozen more are ready to take his place. I've been offered several good stage engagements recently, but I'm in pictures to stay."

"INNOCENTS OF PARIS."

Chevalier, in Europe, is not a name. It is a triumphant shout of acclaim, an enthusiastic burst of sound that rings out in the Folies Bergere, the Casino de Paris or the Femina every time the smiling, dapper figure of Chevalier appears from the wings.

In Europe, more particularly in Paris, Maurice Chevalier is a king; a king of songs whether they be ballads that bring tears or silly little ditties that convulse with laughter. The great artists of entertainment will be seen and heard in the Central Theatre to-day when the Paramount picture, "Innocents of Paris," opens there for a week's run. He plays the stellar role.

"MAKING THE GRADE."

An attractive Warner Brother's film, entitled "Making the Grade," starring Edmund Lowe and Lois Moran, is being screened in the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow at the customary time—5.30 a.m. and 9.20 p.m.

The plot concerns the effort of a girl to remove a man's snobbishness, and the work she sets him can only be told by seeing Miss Moran and Mr. Lowe acting. Besides the big picture are shown two comedies, Harry Langdon in "Hotter Than Hot," and Charles Chase in "Ruby Lips."

Overland China Mail.

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

There was a brilliant function during the week when the new extension to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital was opened. In the absence of His Excellency the Governor, who was suffering from an accident received whilst riding at the Fanling Hunt, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Acting Colonial Secretary, read the official address, whilst Lady Peel performed the actual opening. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains the only complete account of the ceremony.

Two rikisha men who had appeared at previous hearings at the Magistracy on charges of assault on and robbery from a European received sentences of five months and three months' jail, respectively, whilst as a sequel to a smart arrest at a Race Meeting, a Uruguayan received prison sentences aggregating seven months. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL reports the incidents in full.

Although five arrests were made by the Police in connection with the brutal murder of a Chinese detective in Yaumatei, it is thought there is little hope of bringing them up for trial. The extreme reluctance of Crown witnesses to assist in the matter is described in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Two other murders have confronted the authorities within the past few days, one being that of a Chinese house boy, who was killed by a compatriot on the premises of a European gentleman, who was his employer. A further killing occurred a day or two later at the Western Market, as a result, it is alleged, of a quarrel over a gambling debt. The circumstances are fully described in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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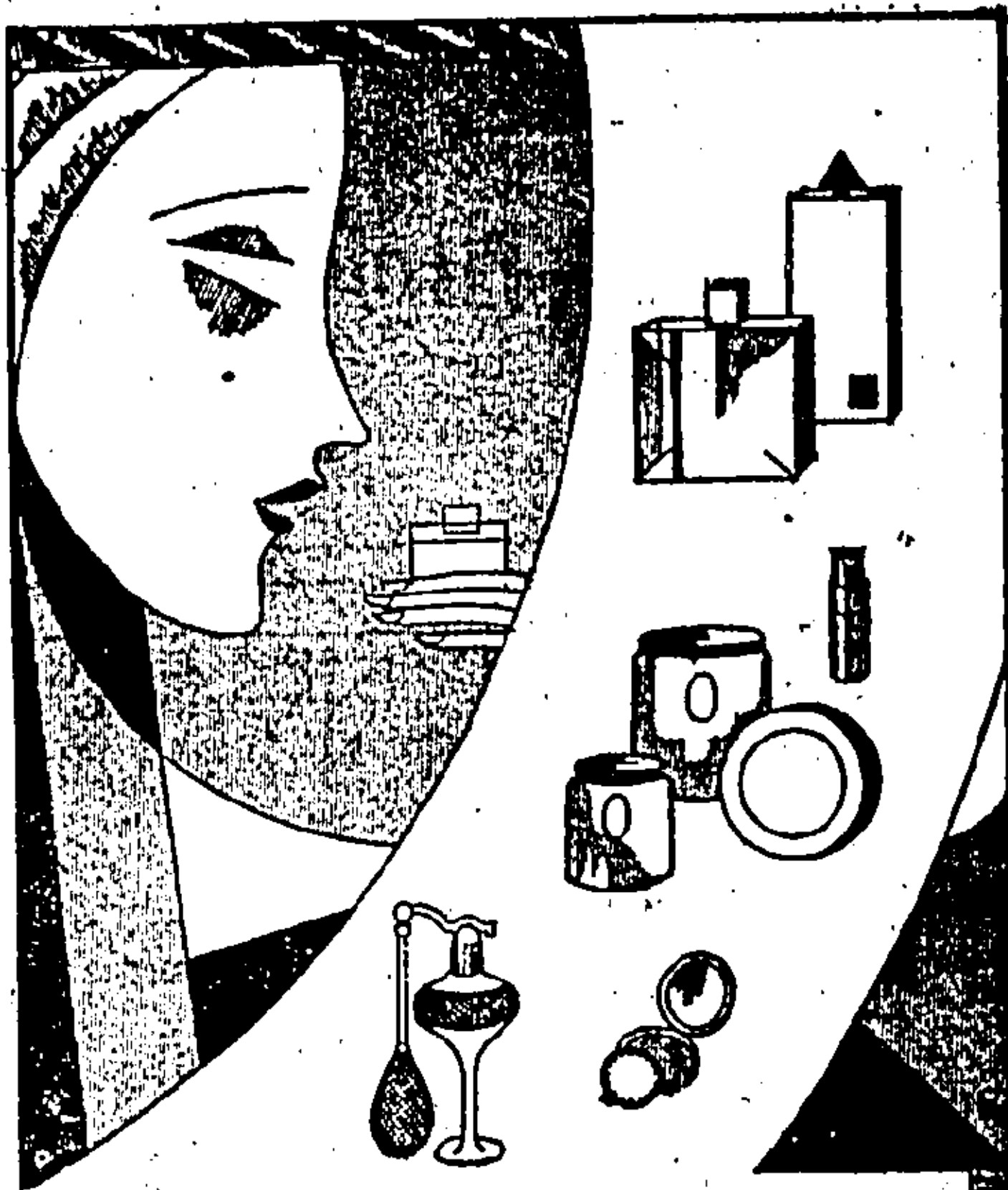
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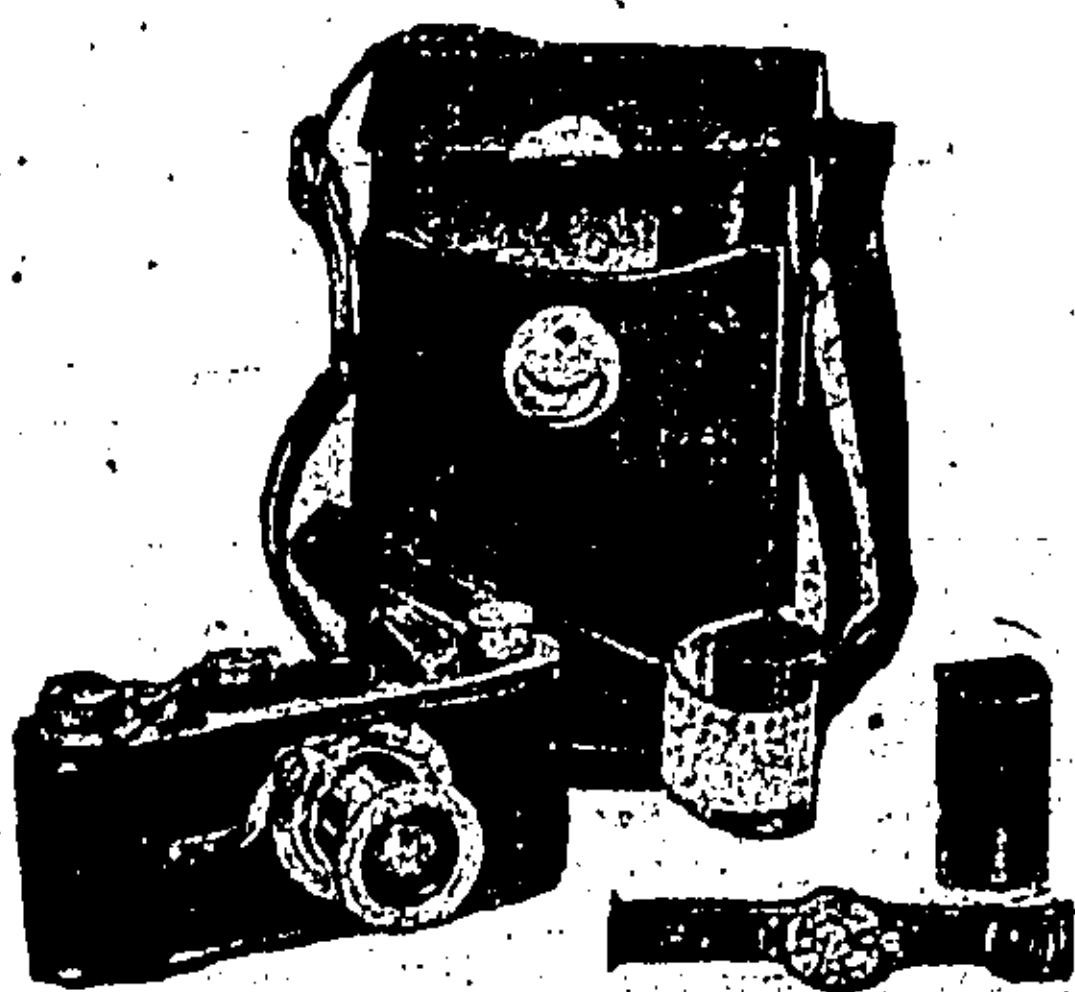
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TALKIE TALKS

by
Diana

William Powell's first starring vehicle, "Street of Chance", starts slowly, but builds up to tremendous suspense. He is perfect. The rest of the cast (except Kay Francis, whom I prefer in sympathetic roles rather than the vamp she is called upon to continually play) I found not to my liking, and the voices were not too clear in enunciation. It is drama and romance, and most certainly worth seeing. I have always taken a great interest in William Powell, after his remarkable performance as the Italian Boldini in "Beau Geste." He conveys the impression that he is blasé, worldly-weary, and cynical. He admits to being a pessimist, perhaps because life has held many disappointments for him. His outlook is interesting. He says:—

"So few obtain what they want, so they must learn to compromise. Shrewd old Nature sends us looking for a wealth called HAPPINESS. It does NOT exist. We fool ourselves into thinking that what we do is important. We labour and sacrifice, trying to convince ourselves that there is some purpose in our existence, and when it ends in the nothing all things end in, we realise the utter purposelessness and futility of the struggle. There seems only one thing to do, the only sensible thing: Enjoy yourself as much as you can under the circumstances which surround you. Work as hard as you feel you must for your own satisfaction and to provide yourself with what material comfort and pleasures that you require. Do NOT imagine that your work is important or significant to anyone BUT yourself. One can only hope to achieve a certain sort of contentment. If you are easy to please, you may go to seed and stop caring, which is probably lucky." His ambition is to travel with his greatest pal, Ronald Colman, and he has no intention of keeping at the acting game till he is forced out of it. He seems a little dismayed at his present success. He has worked so hard, so many years, been so unappreciated, and he does not think he is any better an actor now than he has always been. I always liked his work, and whatever he portrayed. He made it stand out. And now the heights have been reached—Stardom.

Greta Garbo Lucky.

It is no criticism to the Garbo to say that it was lucky for her that Marie Dressler was only in two reels in the highly successful "Anna Christie." Many have remarked on her true interpolation of the part of the drunken much-to-be-pitied water-front hag. This type requires a study all its own. Only the other day I read a chat with Charles Ruggles, who is remembered in "The Lady Lies." He continually essays this character, and declares that a person who drinks could never act nor convey the meaning as well as the person who is a total abstainer. Marie is in accordance with these sentiments. I wish we would be shown her first two-reel comedy with Polly Moran; "Dangerous Females." They are both wonderful in it.

I think most of us will be content to chant the new song from Europe—"I dreamt I kissed Greta Garbo." Although I had heard her before, I waited with bated breath for the sound of her deep resonant voice. I like it, and all through this poignant drama of the girl who found love after her life had been thoroughly embittered by men, her voice told the tragic story with compelling power.

Greta A. Hermit.

Greta Garbo becomes more of a hermit if possible. She is intensely shy. The only time I saw her off stage was at the show given by La Argentina (a great success in the City Hall here). Greta's entrance into the box caused a sensation. She wore a turban of brown silk wound tightly round her head, a mink coat, and she looked lovely. I had seen La Argentina here, and admit to being more intrigued with the Garbo. She remains aloof and possesses a most mystifying attractiveness. Not since Valentino has an idol taken the fancy of the public as the Garbo. She never reveals her admirers' letters; she rides alone, she walks alone, preferably in the rain. A slouch hat drawn over her face, big coat, and men's shoes. The other day she crept in at one of the openings of a famous Broadway "Ritz" stage appearance, clad this way, with the addition of horn-rimmed glasses. In "Romance," she has the opportunity of looking truly beautiful. The scene is a dream, and her partner one hundred per cent—H. E. Goldsmith, 525, The Peak.

you will certainly love her in "Romance."

Laura La Plante.

I had the pleasure of seeing parts of the coming picture in the Central—"Captain of the Guard," taken at the Universal Studio, and of telling Laura-la Plante that she was such a favourite in China. It pleased her. This is not the type of part she likes. The story is jumbled. It might have been a great picture, but Paul Fejos, who made such a hash of "Broadway," fell ill, and another Director finished the job. If you like picture stories you will find this one quite thrilling.

Maurice Chevalier.

"Innocents of Paris" with Maurice Chevalier in the Central also. Being his first Talkie, it will prove a big attraction. BUT do NOT expect another "Love Parade." His personality is amazing, even in this absurd story. He sings six songs, none outstanding except "Louise," and that only because it is a catchy tune.

War Films.

"All Quiet on the Western Front" is remorseless, gripping. It is stark truth, BUT does the public want truth? Every one should see it. We are told of the FUTILITY of WAR. WHAT about the futility of WAR FILMS? This one alone took over six months in the making, and cost a small fortune. The only good thing it did was to give much needed work to a small army of men in Hollywood. I liked seeing it—once. The direction was masterly. I actually, for the first time, could follow Who was Who, and WHERE every one was going on No Man's Land, and above all WHO was winning. The battle scenes really conveyed WHAT they were meant to convey to the uninitiated. We saw whole lines of soldiers mown down by machine guns. We saw the seeming callousness of the doctors and nurses, and we who know realise that it was asking the impossible for a kind and humane thought in such ghastly surroundings. We are wise to the truth of WHAT WAR MEANS, and, in my humble opinion, producing such pictures as this (with countless others that fade into insignificance) WILL NEVER STOP WARS, and only tend to revive RACE HATREDS, I am NOT surprised that Germany banned it.

As a picture it is impressive, tremendously dramatic, and almost as gripping as the book. Oh! yes; naked realism, mutilated youth, churches crumbled, walls and groans of the dying. AND the WORLD IS TRYING to forget.

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Hollywood Gossip.

Charles Bickford is a keen business man, and owns whaling ships, garages, a filling station, restaurant, and makes a heap of money out of his investments too, besides the enormous salary he draws from M.G.M. He is now at work with Kay Francis and Kay Johnson under the directorship of Cecil B. de Mille on Kathleen Norris's story, "Passion Flower." WHAT a cast!

Ralph Forbes is now a STAR at R. K. Q. and is doing the continuation of "Beau Geste." He was the only brother to survive, and is the connecting link in the story called "Beau Ideal."

Milton Sills leaves a big gap in the cultured set in the Movie Colony. His wife, Doris, Kenyon, is at present on a concert tour. She is said to have a lovely voice. Sills was a beautiful pianist, expert botanist, and knew the name of every plant and flower in Latin and English. He often lectured at Universities.

"A face you won't forget" is Louis Wolheim, called Wolly by his pals. He is a graduate of Cornell University, a linguist, a scholar, and said to be the finest Bridge player in the colony. "Johnnie Macquaid" has gone over to Fox Studio, and is playing opposite Reginald Denham. Charles Farthing took over the reins of "The Millionaire" from Charles Bickford. "Dorothy" is playing the part of "Anna Christie" with "Anna Christie" at the City Hall in 1923. He went over to London with the original production of "Broadway," and loves Britain SO much he has never left its hospitable shores. He is one of the best bets in pictures there now, and his present wife, Olive Blakely, is at the Shaftesbury in "Pamph," a very lovely woman.

Claudette Colbert is being directed by Dorothy Arzner in New York, and her husband is opposite Nancy Carroll.

Jack Gilbert has been very ill, but his success in his newest Talkie will put new life into him. It is to be a real come-back for Jack.

Mary Pickford is spending two hours a day "tap dancing" and loving it, and will use it in "Kiki."

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**PLAN TO CRUSH RED
BANDITS.**

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LITTLE RESISTANCE.

Canton, Yesterday.
The 60th and 61st Cantonese divisions under General Tsai Ting-kai and Chiang Kwang-nel, who are entrusted to crush the Communist-bandits in the southern part of Kiangsi, have succeeded in recapturing many towns and cities. A thorough search of outlaws was made on every place they called. So far little resistance was offered by the bandits who gave up their sphere of influence before the arrival of the Cantonese regulars. The vanguard of the 60th division are reported to have left Suichow for Nanking on Tuesday and are expected shortly to join forces with the other Cantonese, stationed in Nanking and Ching-ho on the Northern Kwangtung border.

Nankong Bandits.
According to report, some 2,000 Communist-bandits under the leadership of Lo Kuei-poh have entrenched themselves in Nanking district, 20 miles south-east of Nanchow. In view of their rapid advance, the Cantonese forces should have come into contact with this gang of bandits yesterday, if the latter fail to evacuate Nankong.

Kwangtung Safe.
By the approaching arrival at the Kwangtung border of the two Cantonese divisions from Kiangsi, the districts in northern Kwangtung will be free from further menace by Reds, who will be in a risk of being completely exterminated, on the ground that they are being enveloped in the southern part of Kiangsi and are not easy to break a way out since the different sides are well fortified by Government troops.

More Mobilisation.
More National troops under the Chengchow Garrison Commandant Cho Meng-ling and General Wang Chin-yueh of the 9th Army, stationed in Honan, are being mobilized to participate in the anti-Red campaign in Kiangsi, leaving the defence there to be taken over by General Chao Kuan-tao of the 6th National Division. The 160th brigade under General Cho were entrained to Hankow on the 16th and the 161st and 162nd brigades are now on their way to the same destination, from where they will proceed to Kiangsi after a brief stay. The 9th Army under General Wang are under instructions to mass at Pinghsiang so as to replace these Nationalists who are

REFORM BILL.

**TEXT APPROVED BY LABOUR
PARTY.**

Rugby, Yesterday.
By 133 votes to 20 a joint meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party National Executive and Labour Peers to-day approved the text of the electoral reform Bill, including an alternative vote.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Report.
The Labour Party Executive has drafted the final proposals for the Electoral Reform Bill, including the alternative vote, a reduction of election expenses, the restriction of the use of motor-cars in elections to the sick and disabled, the abolition of plural voting, a reduction in the quota of votes to save a deposit from one-eighth to one-tenth, abolition of university qualification, and the division of double member constituencies into two single member constituencies.—Reuter and British Wireless Service.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Whilst engaged in work at the new National City Bank building at the junction of Queen's Road Central and Lee House Street, a stone cutter, named Lai Sap (58), accidentally fell off a plank from a height of four feet. The unfortunate man hit his head on a stone beneath and died.

Lau Kun (23), an earth cooler, was yesterday afternoon killed whilst wheeling a barrow of stones, on a platform from which he fell. The incident happened at the new dam at Aberdeen where the Hong Kong Excavation & Pile Driving Company are the builders.

advancing southward to crush the bandits.

Air Force Needs.
There is at present in Kiangsi only the fifth Aviation Squadron, which is insufficient to meet the distribution when hostilities begin. General Lu Te-ping has wired to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek for the despatch of one more squadron of air force to Kiangsi, in order to effect an early liquidation of the Red brigands.

Complete Plans.
General Ho Cheng-chun in company with various generals after having attended the Lushan conference returned to Hankow on Wednesday morning. Interviewed by Pressmen, General Ho intimated that complete plans regarding the total extermination of Communist-bandits were drawn up during the conference and that same would be carried out accordingly by the different route armies.—Canton News Agency.

**POLICE INTERPRETER
CHARGED.**

**Thirty Dollars from a
Hawker.**

MARKED NOTES.

Addressing the Bench for over an hour this morning, Mr. M. K. Lo, defending Li Shan-pui, a Police interpreter, on a charge of having obtained \$30 from a hawker by false pretences, submitted his final pleas, before Mr. E. H. Williams. Mr. T. Murphy, 2nd A.D.C.I., appeared for the prosecution.

The Deciding Factor.
In the course of his address, Mr. Lo emphasised that there was no direct evidence to support the charge. He submitted that throughout the whole case there was only one bit of corroborative evidence, and that was the evidence of plaintiff's mother. Her evidence was the greatest and most important. It was the deciding factor in the case.

Continuing Mr. Lo pointed out that the money was handed over directly, and that it was more of an agreement between plaintiff, the district watchman, and the defendant. He asked his Worship to bear in mind that the defendant was over 40 years old, and in all events had for 19 years a clear record in the Government service. He asked his Worship also to bear in mind the consequences that might follow a conviction, and that it would be hard for the defendant to start life again anew.

Prosecution's Points.
Mr. Murphy, for the prosecution, said that he had a few points to comment on the evidence. He went on to state that the defence would only be in connection with the loan, and added that the marked notes were found in defendant's pocket when he was arrested and surrendered. Both complainant and defendant were born in Hong Kong and both walked in different paths in life.

There was no evidence before the Court to say that the defendant was friendly with hawkers to the extent that he would lend money. "I submit," concluded Mr. Murphy, "that the evidence of the prosecution is substantially correct."

His Worship adjourned the hearing to Tuesday morning.

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